

# Tales of Mortality: Stories of the living, dead and undead for teens.

## ***Life Sucks***

**by Jessica Abel, 2008**

**Y GRAPHIC ABEL**

Undead life in its uncoolest incarnation yet is on display in this cinematic, supernatural drama told with gallons of humor and hemoglobin.

## ***In the Forests of the Night***

**by Amelia Atwater-Rhodes, 1999**

**Y ATWATER-RHODES**

Risika, a teenage vampire, wanders back in time to the year 1684 when, as a human, she died and was transformed against her will.

## ***Kin***

**by Holly Black, 2008**

**Y GRAPHIC BLACK**

Sixteen-year-old Rue Silver, whose mother disappeared weeks ago, believes she is going crazy until she learns that the strange things she has been seeing are real and that she is one of the faerie creatures, or Good Neighbors, that mortals cannot see. Book one of the *Good Neighbors* series.

## ***A Great and Terrible Beauty***

**by Libba Bray, 2004**

**Y BRAY**

After the suspicious death of her mother, Gemma returns to England, after living in India, to attend a school where she becomes aware of her magical powers and ability to see the spirit world.

## ***World War Z : An Oral History of the Zombie War***

**by Max Brooks, 2006**

**Y BROOKS**

The author of *The Zombie Survival Guide* travels around the world interviewing survivors of a zombie pandemic that almost eradicated human life on Earth.

## ***You Know Where to Find Me***

**by Rachel Cohn, 2008**

**Y COHN**

Miles and her cousin Laura grew up like sisters and Miles is shattered when Laura commits suicide, struggling to learn how to live when all that she thought she knew is dead.

## ***The Wish List***

**by Eoin Colfer, 2003**

**Y COLFER**

Meg was killed while committing a crime, so to get into heaven she must first go back to Earth and complete a task. Unfortunately, hell has also sent someone back.

## ***Death: The High Cost of Living***

**by Neil Gaiman, 1994**

**Y GAIMAN**

Death takes a holiday with a suicidal teen.

## ***Looking for Alaska***

**by John Green, 2005**

**Y GREEN**

Mile's first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.

***The Secret Life of Sparrow Delaney***

**by Suzanne Harper, 2007**

**Y HARPER**

In Lily Dale, New York, a community dedicated to the religion of Spiritualism, tenth-grader Sparrow Delaney, the youngest daughter in an eccentric family of psychics, agonizes over whether or not to reveal her special abilities in order to help a friend.

***Zombies Calling***

**by Faith Hicks, 2007**

**Y GRAPHIC HICKS**

Joss's friends think her obsession with zombie movies is ridiculous, but when their college campus comes under attack, they're glad she knows the rules.

***A Stir of Bones***

**by Nina Kiriki Hoffman, 2003**

**Y HOFFMAN**

In Nina Kiriki Hoffman's prequel to *A Red Heart of Memories*, Susan seems like a privileged girl, but she lives with dangerous secrets. When she and three of her classmates, virtual strangers, befriend a teenaged ghost living in a supernatural house, she begins to see what it will take to change her life.

***Keturah and Lord Death***

**by Martine Leavitt, 2006**

**Y LEAVITT**

When Lord Death comes to claim sixteen-year-old Keturah while she is lost in the King's Forest, she charms him with her story and is granted a twenty-four hour reprieve in which to seek her one true love.

***Uninvited***

**by Amanda Marrone, 2007**

**Y MARRONE**

Jordan's ex-boyfriend keeps trying to get in her window at night. She'd be thrilled, if he wasn't dead.

***Sabriel***

**by Garth Nix, 1995**

**Y NIX**

When the dead cease to stay dead, budding necromancer Sabriel must take the place of her father, a necromancer who has journeyed too far into the land of the dead.

***The Restless Dead: Ten Original Stories of the Supernatural***

**edited by Deborah Noyes, 2007**

**Y STORIES RESTLESS**

Stories by various authors, including Annette Klause, M.T. Anderson and Libba Bray.

***Death Note, Volume 1, Boredom***

**by Tsugumi Ohba, 2005**

**Y GRAPHIC DEATH**

Light, a bored high school genius, finds a notebook that gives him the powers of Death. Soon he finds himself on the run from a special police task force, but they can't prove he's the killer.

***Life as We Knew It* and *The Dead and the Gone***

**by Susan Beth Pfeffer, 2006 and 2008**

**Y PFEFFER**

Rural and urban families deal with deadly consequences when the moon is knocked closer to the earth.

***Soul Music : A Novel of Discworld***

**by Terry Pratchett, 2003**

**Y PRATCHETT**

When her dear old Granddad—the Grim Reaper himself—goes missing, Susan takes over the family business. As the progeny of Death's adopted daughter and his apprentice, she shows a real talent for the trade.

***Dead Connection***

**by Charlie Price, 2006**

**Y PRICE**

A loner who communes with the dead in the town cemetery hears the voice of a murdered cheerleader and tries to convince the adults that he knows what happened to her.

***Vampire Kisses***

**by Ellen Schreiber, 2003**

**Y SCHREIBER**

When sixteen-year-old Raven, an outcast who always wears black and hopes to become a vampire some day, falls in love with the mysterious new boy in town, she is eager to find out if her dreams can come true.

***The Alchemist: The Secrets of the Immortal***

***Nicholas Flamel***

**by Michael Scott, 2007**

**Y SCOTT**

While working mundane summer jobs, twins Sophie and Josh, suddenly find themselves caught up in the deadly, centuries-old struggle between rival alchemists over an ancient and powerful book holding the secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life.

***The Lovely Bones***

**by Alice Sebold, 2002**

**SEBOLD, A.**

In the sweet, untroubled voice of a precocious teenage girl, Susie relates the awful events of her death, and her own adjustment to the strange new place she finds herself. With love, longing and growing understanding, Susie watches her family as they cope with their grief and search for her killer.

***Battle Royale***

**by Koshun Takami, 2003**

**Y TAKAMI**

One ninth grade class on an island, under the thumb of their sadistic teacher. Only one student can survive, or else they all die. Who will survive the Battle Royale?

***Being Dead: Stories***

**by Vivian Vande Velde, 2001**

**Y VANDE VELDE**

Seven supernatural stories, all having something to do with death.

***The Invisible***

**by Mats Wahl, 2007**

**Y WAHL**

A Swedish teen is brutally assaulted and possibly murdered, his body unfound. His ghost follows a detective intent on solving the crime.

***A Certain Slant of Light***

**by Laura Whitcomb, 2005**

**Y WHITCOMB**

After benignly haunting a series of people for 130 years, Helen meets a teenage boy who can see her and together they unlock the mysteries of their pasts.

***Elsewhere***

**by Gabrielle Zevin, 2005**

**Y ZEVIN**

After fifteen-year-old Liz Hall is hit by a taxi and killed, she finds herself in a place that is both like and unlike Earth, where she must adjust to her new status and figure out how to "live."

***The Book Thief***  
**by Markus Zusak, 2006**  
**Y ZUSAK**

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel, a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her foster family, the Jewish man they are hiding and her neighbors.

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